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## Description

OWI Request No. 138 comprehends a description of various Danish organizations, both official and private, including: the Cabinet, youth organizations, and labor groups. It also carries a description of Nazi parties, military formations, propaganda groups, and prominent Nazi leaders. This material is to be used for a handbook to the U.S. press and radio.

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| Name of Collaborationist Organization | Name of Leader | Size of Membership |
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| Members of Cabinet (now defunct) | Erik Scavenius | 12 |

Lauritz Hansen, J. Kjaerböl, Valdemar Holböll, Gunnar Larsen, Halfdan Hendriksen, E. Thune Jacobsen, Sören Brorsen, Jörgen Jörgensen, Kristen Bording, A.C. Höjberg Christensen, K. H. Kofoed

Nazi Parties

DNSAP-Danmarks National-Socialistiske Arbejder Parti — Frits Clausen

This is the Dansk Nationalsocialistic Arbeiderparti, whose leader is Fritz Clausen. The size of its membership may be gauged by the fact that at the last election, March 23, 1943, it polled 43,267 votes out of a total of 2,009,594 votes cast.

Dansk Samling

Of all Danish political parties Dansk Samling is the farthest removed from the Nazis and their ideology.

Schleswigsche Kameradschaft was organized in 1933. It is a half military organization whose members serve as storm troopers for the NSDAP. Together with the Kreditanstalt Vogelsang and Deutsche Selbsthilfe im Schleswig it seeks to Germanize South Jutland and re-incorporate that district with the Reich. It should be carefully distinguished from Jens Möller's Slesvig Party (The German minority party), which, until the recent election returned one member to Folketinget, the Lower House of the Danish Parliament.

Military Formations.

Frikorps Danmark (The Danish Free Corps) has been the only recognized military organization outside the country's armed forces. It was organized in July 1941, and entrusted to the command of Lt. Col. P. C. Kryssing of the Danish Army. He was presently replaced as Commander by a Danc-German nobleman, Count Christian F. von Schalburg of the Royal Guard. When he was killed in action on the eastern front in June 1942, he was succeeded by Major von Letow-Vorbeck, who also fell on the eastern front. The present Commander is a man named Martinsen.

Although composed entirely of Nazis, the Free Corps was not a DNSAP formation. From the beginning it had a two-fold function: to provide recruits for the eastern front, and to form the nucleφus of a Danish Waffen SS. The prospect of fighting in Russia was never attractive, however, so that the Free Corps never had an enlisted personnel of over 3,000 or 4,000 men, and fifty percent of these were recruited from the German minority in South Jutland. The attempt, in the autumn of 1942, to organize the returned Free Corps veterans into a Danish Waffen SS met with so much bitter opposition that it had to be abandoned. In the course of the summer of 1943 Commander Martinsen sought to free his organization from the stigma attached to the name Frikorps Danmark. His aim was to make a new creation under the name Free Corps Schalburg, and remove it from all political activities. He has perhaps met with no greater success than the Germans did in their attempt to create a Danish Waffen SS.

SS Units

Danish SS Regiment
See paragraph on Military Formations

Party Formations

Womens Groups

Youth Groups

National-Socialistisk Ungdom-National Socialist Youth

There is very little information available on this organization, either as to its membership or leadership. An extensive training program for Nazi Youths was planned for the spring of 1943; but, like the DNSAP, it stands discredited before the Danish populace and may be in the process of disintegration at this time.

Dansk-Nordisk Ungdomsforbund-

This group was organized to promote Scandinavian solidarity. Its chairman is Marcussen fra Graasten, and its membership is 35,000.

Dansk Ungdomssamvirke

The group was organized in June 1942 under the leadership of Professor Hal Koch. As its name indicates, its function is to promote understanding and cooperation among the legitimate youth associations of the country.

Dansk Vandrelaug

Welfare Groups

Landsforeningen til Arbejdslöshedens

Bekaempelse (LAB)

Labor Formations

Labor Groups

NSLF-National-Socialistisk Laerer forbund

All that is known about this organization is that Fritz Clausen, Chairman of the DNSAP, directed Vice School Inspector Brothagen to organize it, February, 1942.

LS-Landbrnes Sammenslutning — Bach

This is not a labor group; it is under the control of a few opulent landowners, at least four millionaires, who have been working quietly for the promotion of totalitarianism. Its chairman is Knud Bach, a friend of Fritz Clausen. The cooperative organizations which it controls have a yearly turn-over of over 1,000,000,000 kroner.

Dansk Arbeide

This is a "Danish Products Association" whose aim is to encourage home trade, or "Buy Danish", as it were. It has a membership of 29,000.

Labor Services

None in Denmark.